

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2011 - SB 1975**

February 8, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a public college or university to hold a public meeting on a topic of interest to students, alumni, faculty, or staff with an opportunity for public comment, if the university receives a petition of at least 5,000 signatures.

Requires the public college or university to advertise the meeting on campus in a newspaper of general circulation; to live-stream the public meeting; and to provide access to the recorded video on the website of the public college or university for at least 120 days after the public meeting.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,000/TBR  
Exceeds \$1,000/UT**

**Assumptions:**

- Based on the information provided by the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) and the University of Tennessee (UT), the cost for advertising in the local newspaper is estimated to be at least \$200 per day. It is estimated that an affected institution would advertise in the local newspaper for two days; the estimated cost to advertise any such meeting is estimated to exceed \$400 (\$200 x 2).
- On-campus meeting notices for each building will require a public meeting notice; the increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$100 per public meeting.
- Posting meeting advertisements on an institution's website can be accomplished utilizing existing staff during normal working hours; as a result no significant increase in state expenditures.
- Based on information from UT and TBR, live video streaming expenses will vary by campus dependent upon whether a campus owns the necessary equipment to provide live video-streaming. Expenses range from \$4,500 for institutions that own the necessary equipment up to \$8,500 for institutions that do not own the necessary equipment.
- The extent to which such meetings will be required under the criteria specified in the bill is unknown. However, it is reasonable to assume that at least two meetings will be required every five years (one for a TBR institution and one for a UT institution). The

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minimum amount of expenses incurred for any such required meeting is estimated to be \$5,000 (\$400 + \$100 + \$4,500).

- The average increase in state expenditures for a TBR institution is estimated to be \$1,000 per year (\$5,000 / 5-year period); and the average increase in state expenditures for a UT institution is estimated to exceed \$1,000 per year (\$5,000 / 5-year period).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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